

# City of Douglas

"Working Together To Serve You Better"

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

- ♣ **March 2**, Douglas Singles Dance, Gym B, 7:00pm
- ♣ **March 3**, Children's Art Festival, Gym A, 9am-3pm
- ♣ **March 6**, Presidential Preference Election, Gym B, 7am-7pm, FMI: 384-7018
- ♣ **March 12**, City Commission Meeting, City Hall, 7pm
- ♣ **March 13**, Women in Business Lecture, CE Weir Center, FMI: 384-1873
- ♣ **March 20, 27** Citizens' Academy Program, 6pm, FMI: 383-0277
- ♣ **March 14**, Historic Pres. Meeting, 11am, FMI: 384-5161
- ♣ **March 15**, Downtown Dev. Authority Meeting, 11am, FMI: 384-5161
- ♣ **March 15**, Planning & Zoning Meeting, 6pm, Council Room
- ♣ **March 21**, Cemetery Meeting, 10am, FMI: 389-3405
- ♣ **March 26**, City Commission Meeting, City Hall, 7pm

### DEARMAN DONATES OLD G&F RAILROAD OFFICE TO HERITAGE STATION MUSEUM

The City of Douglas announces the donation of an old Georgia & Florida (G & F) office to Heritage Station Museum from Frances Dearman, daughter of the late Frank and Dot Sparks. The historic building is the original office that was constructed around 1907-1909 when the Georgia and Florida Railroad built new rail shops north of Douglas. Originally located in the area known as the "shop pond", the building was moved to the Sparks/Douglas Monument homestead sometime in 1950. The Office will now be located across from the Heritage Station Museum that was originally the old G & F Railroad Depot.



Office being placed on trailer to be moved to new location across from Museum.



Former Mayor Wilson with Frances Dearman.



Office in new location facing the Greenway Trail across from the Museum.

### Local Agencies and Concerned Citizens Team Together to Form the Stop the Violence Initiative

Representatives from agencies including the City of Douglas, Coffee County Commission, Douglas Police Department, Coffee County Sheriff's Office, Coffee County Board of Education, Coffee Ministerial Association, NAACP, the Empowerment Center, and other concerned individuals of the community gathered on Friday, February 24, 2012 at Central Square Complex to discuss effective ways to continue their efforts as they form the Coffee County "Stop the Violence" initiative. The purpose of the initiative is to get citizens involved in crime prevention. Working together, the representatives of these agencies are committed members of our community who will seek to do everything possible to redirect people away from violence and towards positive, hopeful futures.

If you would like to become a part of this initiative, please call (912) 389-3401 or visit [www.cityofdouglas.com](http://www.cityofdouglas.com).



County Commission Chairman Tom Rice, Mayor James Dennis, and City Manager Terrell Jacobs listen as citizens address ways that our community can help Stop the Violence in Douglas neighborhoods.



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**CITY OF DOUGLAS CELEBRATES 23 YEARS AS A TREE CITY USA**

The City of Douglas has been named a Tree City USA for the 23<sup>rd</sup> year by the Arbor Day Foundation. The Tree City USA program is a designation that ensures a community achieves certain standards for proper management of their forest resources. Sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters, this program provides direction, technical assistance, public attention, and national recognition for urban and community forestry programs in thousands of towns and cities in the United States.

Mayor Dennis proclaimed Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, as Arbor Day in Douglas. During the month of February many activities have taken place in celebration of Arbor Day and Douglas' Tree City USA designation. Trees have been planted along Gaskin Avenue and students planted trees at area elementary schools. The City of Douglas Grounds Maintenance Division has assisted with projects for Arbor Day since Douglas obtained "Tree City USA" status in 1989. Over 1,000 trees have been planted in Douglas since the status of "Tree City USA" was obtained. The Grounds Maintenance Division consists of; Marvin Rains (Supervisor), Early McCray Jr., Josh Milhollin, and Darren Watson.

For more information on what you can do to celebrate Arbor Day, visit [www.arborday.org](http://www.arborday.org) or simply plant a tree this month and watch Douglas grow!



**Please excuse our progress as we continue to make improvements on College Avenue.**



**"Spider" Spotted Cleaning Up Around Town!**

The [Public Works Department](#) has been busy using the Kaiser S-2 to cleanup around our city. Normally, workers use mowers, tractors, excavators, etc. to help keep our city looking nice, but, when cleanup is needed in areas that are hard to access, whether it is tough terrain or wet areas, they have to call in the Spider. The Spider is a walking mobile excavator and can be used to reach areas in ditches, water/sewer right of ways, or inaccessible areas.



Saturday, April 21, 2012

7am-3pm

Central Square Complex • Douglas, Georgia

For more information, call (912)383-0277 or email [bthomas@cityofdouglas.com](mailto:bthomas@cityofdouglas.com)

**Douglas Recycling**

**MARCH RECYCLING CALENDAR**



Week 1 (Feb. 27 - Mar. 2) - Green Cart

Week 3 (Mar. 12 - Mar. 16) - Green Cart

Week 2 (Mar. 5 - Mar. 9) - Blue Cart

Week 4 (Mar. 19 - Mar. 23) - Blue Cart

Week 5 (Mar. 26 - Mar. 30) - Green Cart



REMEMBER: Recycling is now City-Wide! (912) 389-3450.